

ABSTRACT

A clip for repair of a heart valve is disclosed. The clip has a plurality of legs joined at one end to a common attachment, the opposite ends of the legs being free to move. The legs are resilient and flexible, allowing the free ends to be separated to receive the leaflets of a valve between them. The legs are resiliently biased so as to close upon the leaflets. Hooks positioned at the free ends engage the leaflets and attach the legs to them. Thus positioned, the clip restrains the motion of the leaflets relatively to one another to prevent valve prolapse. Legs formed of loops or having spiral shapes are feasible. The common attachment may comprise a threaded ferrule, a bent or looped wire segment as well as a cylindrical shell or a ring.